5. Air Marshal J. K. Seth (Retd.) Member
6. Shri B. G. Deshmukh, Former Member Cabinet Secretary.
7. Shri K. Satyanarayana Raju, Member Former Minister of Andhra Pradesh.
8. Shri D. D. Thakur, Former Member M.L.A., Himachal Pradesh.

Telephone Directories of Delhi and Bombay

3731. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2537 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 1993 and state by when the telephone directories of both Bombay and Delhi will be made available by MTNL to customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : The next main issues of Delhi and Bombay Telephone Directories are expected to be published in July, 1994.

Telephone Density

3732. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of telephone connections per thousand people in India as against the world average;

(b) whether any new policy and plan of action is being or has been laid down to bring India to the world level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) As on 1-4-94 the number of telephone connections per 1000 population in India is 9 against the World average of around 100.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Under the present plan for the country, the department proposes to reach twenty per thousand by the year 2000.

Telephone Connections in NOIDA

3733. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) total number of telephone connections in existence in NOIDA Uttar Pradesh during 1988, 1989 and 1990, year-wise;

(b) telephone connections located in Sector-14 in NOIDA, year-wise during 1988, 1989 and 1990 with details of each connection, including its particular location ;

(c) whether further extension scheme for NOIDA is contemplated during the current year ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Total number of telephone connections in existence on 1st April :

1988 — 4860
1989 — 6769
1990 — 7155

(b) Total number of connections located in Sector-14 in NOIDA on 1st April :

1988 — 216
1989 — 262
1990 — 297

Details of the locations of each connection will be placed on the Table of the House later.

(c) Yes; Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.
recently.

Telephones sanctioned from MPs' Quota

3734. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some priority sanction orders relating to MPs' quota for release of telephone connection on out of turn basis have been received in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) office in January and February, 1994 from different Chief General Managers of Telecommunications ;

(b) whether these priority sanction orders indicating names, addresses and registration numbers with MTNL, have been received under 'Registered Post';

(c) if so, the names addresses and registration number of recommended persons with date of receipt in each case. Chief General Manager Telecommunications-wise, according to location Alphabet order of country;

(d) whether telephone connections in each recommended case have been installed;

(e) if so, the telephone numbers with date of opening in each case, and if not, the reasons for delay when required information has been conveyed in sanction orders;

(f) whether same requests suggesting some measure to deal with such priority sanction orders within time-bound period have been received in the office of Chairman, MTNL during January to April,1994;

(g) if so, the details of action taken with time limit fixed for issue of release orders and installation of telephone connections thereafter in priority cases where required particulars are complete;

(h) whether some compliance report is called for by Chairman's office from CGM/MTNL Office in those priority cases every week; and

(i) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (i) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

डाकघर खोलने के लिए मानदंड

3735. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल** : क्या संचार मंत्री 7 दिसम्बर, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 410 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय को ग्राम सिमुहानी घाट, जिला दरभंगा बिहार में डाकघर खोले जाने के संबंध में अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं; यदि हां, तो प्रथम अभ्यावेदन किस तिथि को प्राप्त हुआ और इसे देने वाले व्यक्ति/एजेंसी का नाम क्या है;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ग) क्या सिमुहानी घाट डाकघर खोलने संबंधी निर्धारित मानदंड पूरा करता है, और यदि नहीं, तो इस मामले में कौन-सा मानदंड पूरा नहीं किया गया है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) :

(क) जी, हां। प्रथम अभ्यावेदन माननीय संसद सदस्य, श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय से दिनांक 10-10-92 को प्राप्त हुआ था।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार का लक्ष्य जनसंख्या, दूरी तथा आर्थिक मानदंडों की पूर्ति को ध्यान में रखते हुए तथा संसाधनों की उपलब्धता के आधार पर सभी गांवों में डाक नेटवर्क का उत्तरोत्तर रूप से विस्तार करना है। सरकार के नीति के अनुसार डाकघर निम्नलिखित प्राथमिकता क्रम में खोले जाते हैं :—

(i) ग्रामपंचायत मुख्यालयों में, जहां पंचायत क्षेत्रों में डाकघर नहीं हैं,

(ii) अन्य पंचायत मुख्यालयों में, तथा

(iii) अन्य क्षेत्रों में।

तथापि, जहां तक सिमुहानी घाट का संबंध है, यह राजस्व ग्राम "जैराव" का एक पुरावा है जिसमें एक डाकघर पहले ही मौजूद है। अतः डाकघर नहीं खोला जा सकता।

Competitive Telecom Policy

3736. **SHRI SURESH PACHOURI**: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international expert on telecommunications has favoured adoption of competition oriented telecom policy by all countries to provide improved services to the subscribers and to participate in the globalisabe pleased to state:

(b) whether the expert has also pointed out that there are different types and stages of competition and each country has to frame its policy;

(c) whether Government have decided to take and adopt competitive telecom policy;

(d) if so, whether any details in this regard have been worked out; and

(e) by when concrete telecom policy is likely to be introduced and implemented?